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SUBJ: SOVIET DEMARCHE TO GERMANS ON RFE/RL

1. FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR OF DEMARCHE ON RFE/RL WHICH DEPTUY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV MADE TO HIM ON THE 23RD. SAHM SAID THAT ZEMSKOV BITTERLY DENOUNCED THE ACTIVITIES OF RFE/RL, CALLED THEM "ILLEGAL", "CONTRADICTING DETENTE", AND "NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI." HE ADDED THAT IT WAS "UNACCEPTABLE" THAT THE RADIOS EXIST IN THE FRG. ZEMSKOV ALSO HANDED SAHM A NON-PAPER ON THE SUBJECT (TEXT BELOW).

2. SAHM STRONGLY REBUTTED ZEMSKOV'S STATEMENTS, UNDERLINING THAT THEY AMOUNTED TO AN "INVASION" OF FRG SOVEREIGNTY. AS TO THE CSCE ASPECT, SAHM TOLD ZEMSKOV THAT THE CSCE SUMMIT COULD NOT SETTLE THIS MATTER.

3. HERewith EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NON-PAPER: BEGIN QUOTE. THE RADIO STATIONS "LIBERTY" AND "FREE EUROPE", WHICH WERE SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHED FOR WAGING SUBVERSIVE
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PROPAGANDA AND SO-CALLED "PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR" AGAINST THE

SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HAVE OPERATED ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FRG FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. AS THE FACTS SHOW, THESE RADIO STATIONS ARE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE SPECIALSERVICESOF THE U.S.A., AND THEIR PERSONNEL IS DRAWN FROM PROFESSIONAL SPIES AND CRIMINALS, MANY OF WHOM SOILED THEIR NAMES BY COLLABORATION WITH THE NAZI REGIME.

THE RADIO CHANNELS "LIBERTY" AND "FREE EUROPE" ARE USED FOR THE SYSTEMATIC SPREAD OF MALICIOUS FABRICATIONS AND CRUDE SLANDER CONCERNING THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, AS WELL AS OF PROVOCATIVE APPEALS AND PROPAGANDISTIC ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HOSTILE TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION.

THIS MATTER IN FACT CONCERNING THE INTERFERENCE, CONTINUING OVER THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS, IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INTERFERENCE WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED NORMS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATONAL LAW, NOR WITH THE TREATY OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG ASSUMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOSCOW TREATY AND WITH THE TREATIES OF THE FRG AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THE RADIO PROGRAMS BROADCAST BY "LIBERTY" AND "FREE EUROPE" HAVE THE OBJECTIVE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO COMPROMISE THE POLICY OF DETENTE, TO CAST DOUBT ON THIS POLICY'S EFFECTIVENESS, TO HINDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. SUCH AN ACTIVITY IS PARTICULARLY INTOLERABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME, WHEN SERIOUS PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RELAXING TENSION AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ELIMINATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE "COLD WAR" FROM THE PRACTICE OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

IN THE CSCE FINAL ACT, SIGNED BY THE FRG, THE PARTICIPATING STATES DECLARED THEIR DETERMINATION TO WIDEN AND DEEPEN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, AND TO MAKE IT CONTINUOUS AND STEADY. IN THIS DOCUMENT IT IS DIRECTLY STATED THAT THE DIFFUSION OF RADIO INFORMATION MUST RESPOND "TO THE INTERESTS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN STATES AND TO THE GOALS, DEFINED BY THE CONFERENCE." THESE POSITIONS ARE MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE. THEY MUST BE PUT INTO PROCTICE AS EVIDENCE OF THE DESIRE TO ABIDE BY THE HEL-SINKI DECISIONS AND TO GIVE THEM REAL SUBSTANCE IN THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING PEACEFUL, FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES.

THE SOVIET SIDE HAS MORE THAN ONCE DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG TO THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA CENTERS OF THE U.S.A. ON WEST GERMAN TERRITORY. IT CANNOT ACCEPT AS CONVINCING REFERENCES TO THE NON-INVOLVEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITY OF THE FRG IN THE TRANSMISSION OF THE MUNICH STATIONS AS THOUGH IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO SUPPRESS THEIR ACTIVITIES. THE RADIO STATIONS UNDER REFERENCE OPERATE ON THE TERRITORY OF A SOVEREIGN STATE, THE FRG, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF REGULARLY RENEWED LICENSES. BY THIS VERY FACT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG TAKES UPON ITSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE BY THESE RADIO CENTERS AND UNDER THEIR AEGIS.

THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY IN ALL SERIOUSNESS TO UNDERLINE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RADIO STATIONS "LIBERTY" AND "FREE EUROPE" ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FRG DO NOT MEET THE INTERESTS OF DEEPENING AND DEVELOPMENT IN SOVIET-WEST GERMAN RELATIONS, OR THE FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF CONDITIONS IN EUROPE. THE SOVIET SIDE EXPECTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG WILL DRAW THE APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS FROM OUR STATEMENT AND TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS WITH THE GOAL OF STOPPING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RADIO STATIONS UNDER REFERENCE. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT. THIS DEMARCHE IS OF COURSE IN LINE WITH THE CONCERTED SOVIET MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST RL AND RFE WHICH BEGAN AFTER THE CSCE SUMMIT LAST SUMMER. END COMMENT.
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